

In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 6:

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Towed trailers, such as utility trailers or camper trailers, are in wide spread use in this country and worldwide. Individuals who use these types of trailers often move them from location to location on a frequent basis. Towed trailers typically have wheels and a hitch mechanism to allow them to be attached to a towing vehicle and moved easily. The hitch mechanism normally will employ a tongue coupler to engage a vehicle's hitch and a stabilizer, or trailer jack, which allows the trailer to be supported while disengaged from the towing vehicle.

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Towed trailers are typically purchased with a trailer jack installed at the point of manufacture. The trailers jacks typically have a flange, or a mounting bracket integrated with the jack which allows the jack to be mounted to the trailer. The height of the trailer jack is normally adjustable by means of a hand crank. The adjustable trailer jack allows an individual to adapt the jack to differing terrain and use conditions. For example, in typical operation, an individual with a utility trailer will tow the trailer to the desired site. In order to release the towing vehicle, the individual will then crank the trailer jack until the jack meets the ground and raises the trailer's tongue coupler free from the towing vehicle's hitch. The individual is then free to drive the towing vehicle away and the trailer is supported by the trailer jack. In order to tow the trailer again, the process is reversed, requiring the individual to crank the jack such as to lower the trailer's tongue coupler onto the vehicle's hitch and continue cranking the jack until the lowest portion of the jack is high enough off the ground to prevent the jack from hitting the ground during transport.

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The subject invention relates to a method and apparatus for a trailer jack mount. The subject invention also pertains to a method and apparatus for providing a trailer jack mount for use with towable trailers. The subject apparatus can also enable the mounting of a trailer jack to a trailer such that the trailer jack can quickly transition up or down relative to the trailer. In a specific

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embodiment, the subject invention includes a first piece mountable to [a trailer] an A-frame coupler and a second piece to which a trailer jack can be secured. In this embodiment, the subject apparatus also includes means for securely attaching the second piece to the first piece and allowing the second piece to pivot relative to the first piece. Advantageously, the subject invention can either be retrofitted to an existing trailer with jack, or installed at original manufacture. In another specific embodiment, the second piece is slidably attached to the first piece to allow an individual to adjust the height of the trailer jack.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

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Figure 1A shows the [tongue] A-frame coupler of a typical trailer.

Please substitute the following paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 19:

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The subject invention relates to method and apparatus for a trailer jack mount. The subject invention also pertains to a method and apparatus for providing a trailer jack mount. The subject invention can enable the mounting of a trailer jack such that the jack can be easily and rapidly transitioned between an up, or travel, position and a down, or support position. The subject invention is advantageous in situations where an individual desires to move a trailer frequently, as the subject invention permits the trailer to be readied for transport in a shorter period of time than can be realized with typical trailer crank jacks. In a specific embodiment, the subject invention can be retrofitted to a trailer with an existing jack, such that the jack is then pivotally attached to the [trailer] A-frame coupler. Alternatively, the subject invention can be integrated into a new trailer prior to retail sale in order to utilize the advantages herein disclosed.

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Figures 1B and 1C illustrate an embodiment of a movable trailer jack mount in accordance with the subject invention. The trailer jack mount can be constructed with any number of parts, but preferably is made from two portions, a bottom portion 10, as shown in Figure 1B and a top portion 22 as shown in Figure 1C. The bottom portion 10 can have a trailer mounting structure 12 and

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transitioning structure 16. Transitioning structure 16 can be a separate piece attached to the mounting structure by, for example, fasteners or by weld, or can be integral with the mounting structure. In trailers commonly referred to as utility trailers, the trailer typically has [a tongue] an A-frame coupler 1 which contains an opening designed to accept a standard trailer jack 4. Figure 1A shows a typical [trailer tongue] A-frame coupler 1 and Figure 1D shows a typical trailer jack 4. The jack 4 typically has a flange 6 which allows the jack to be mounted to the [trailer tongue] A-frame coupler 1. When the jack 4 is mounted to the [trailer tongue] A-frame coupler 1 in this way the jack handle 8 can then be turned in order to raise or lower the trailer tongue with respect to the ground due to the foot 3 of the jack raising or lowering relative to the body of the jack. The foot 3 of the jack can have, for example, a wheel to contact the ground and allow the trailer to be rolled.

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In a preferred embodiment, after the jack is removed from the [trailer tongue] A-frame coupler, the bottom portion 10 of the subject mount can be secured to the [trailer tongue] A-frame coupler 1. Preferably, the bottom portion 10 is removably secured to the trailer through attachment structure 9 such as screws, bolts, or pins. In order to aid in securing the bottom portion 10, the trailer mounting structure 12 can have several holes 14 matched to the holes 5 located in the [trailer tongue] A-frame coupler 1. Alternatively, the bottom portion 10 can be attached permanently to [a trailer] the A-frame coupler through welding or other adequate means of permanently affixing the bottom portion 10 to [a trailer] the A-frame coupler.

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An individual wishing to utilize the subject trailer jack mount can remove the trailer jack 4 from the [trailer tongue] A-frame coupler 1. The individual can then place the trailer jack 4 into the mounting aperture 28, or other means, of the top portion 22. The trailer jack 4 can then be secured, permanently or removably to the top portion 22 using, for example, screws inserted through the trailer jack mounting plate 6 and the mounting holes 30 of the top portion 22. The individual can then install the bottom portion 10 of the trailer jack mount onto the [trailer tongue] A-frame coupler 1 either permanently or removably. Once the bottom portion 10 is mounted, the individual can install

BB the top portion 22 and trailer jack 4 portion by placing the pivoting arm 26 of the top portion 22 in between the extending portions 16a and 16b of the bottom portion 10. A pivot axle 21 can then be inserted through the pivot apertures 20 of the bottom portion and the axle aperture 32 of the top portion 22.

Please substitute the following paragraph on page 8, beginning at line 25:

B<sup>9</sup> The slide-collar portion 58 of the illustrated embodiment can contain a mounting collar 60 and any number of mounting apertures 62. The mounting collar 60 can be used to slidably attach the jack mounting portion 50 to the trailer mounting portion 40 by interfitting over the mounting post 44. The embodiment shown in Figures 2B and 2C utilizes one mounting post 44 and one mounting collar 60, but it is understood that any combination of mounting posts 44 and mounting collars 60 can be used without affecting the functionality of the invention. For example, there could be two mounting collars 60 attached to an elongated slide-collar portion 58 in order to further lessen the side-to-side movement of the trailer jack 4 when installed. Alternatively, there could be two or more mounting posts 44 along with any number of mounting collars 60. Further, it is contemplated to switch the position of the mounting post 44 and the mounting collar 60. In this fashion, the mounting post 44 can be attached to the mounting structure 52 of jack mounting portion 50 to which the trailer jack 4 is attached and the mounting collar 60 can be attached to the mounting structure 42 of trailer mounting portion 40 which is attached to the [trailer tongue] the A-frame coupler. In the specific illustrated example, the mounting collar 60 is of a circular design. It is also contemplated to produce mounting collars 60 and corresponding mounting posts 44 of different cross-sectional shapes, such as square or triangular.